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MEMORANDUM

11 May 1951

TO: ☐ ☐

FROM: ☐ ☐

SUBJECT: (Dr.) Wolfram BITSCHNAU

The following has been extracted from a memorandum based on a meeting on 24 April 1951 between one of our agents and (Inspector) Wilhelm DIETRICH, former USAGE subsource and police official with the Voralberg Gendarmerie Headquarters. The extracted information pertains to Dr. Wolfram BITSCHNAU and is passed along because of your operational interest in this man.

1. During the period when DIETRICH was submitting information to BITSCHNAU, he was receiving several hundred schillings a month from BITSCHNAU. DIETRICH was at the same time submitting information to another American organization through another man, whom DIETRICH felt was much more honest and reliable than BITSCHNAU. DIETRICH considers BITSCHNAU to be a crook and intrigant, who, while working for the U.S., maintained contact with the French IS.
2. DIETRICH became dissatisfied with the idea of indirectly servicing two U.S. agencies at the same time and decided to contact one U.S. agency directly. In March 1951 DIETRICH received his first payment from CIG. The receipt of CIG funds coincided with BITSCHNAU's dismissal from the USAGE operation and DIETRICH also severed his connection with his other contact as of 1 May 1951.
3. BITSCHNAU contacted DIETRICH on 15 March 1951 and told him that he, BITSCHNAU, was to be appointed Chief for Voralberg of the Austrian Intelligence service currently being organized by State Secretary GRAF. His appointment was being delayed because GRAF was in the hospital. He said that he would include DIETRICH in his plans for coverage of Voralberg. DIETRICH did not give any reaction to the BITSCHNAU approach. DIETRICH showed no indication of knowing exactly who BITSCHNAU had worked for before their relations were severed. DIETRICH apparently accepted the "U.S. intelligence in Salzburg" explanation.

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